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In the application of:

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For: IMMUNOASSAYS FOR HUMAN BRAIN
Natriuretic Peptide (as amended)

Examiner: Janet L. Epps-Ford, Ph.D.

Group Art Unit: 1635

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action herein, mailed 15 October 2003, time for response to which was set to expire 15 January 2004. Claims 32 and 41-44, all pending claims, were rejected. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection, and the following amendment and discussion are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.